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**Indiantown Village Manager Howard Brown Resigns Effective Immediately,
Council Appoints Administrative Services Director
Susan Owens as Acting Manager**

*Council to Discuss Next Steps in Selecting a New Manager at Special Council Meeting to be
Held on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m.*

Indiantown, FL – At an Indiantown Council meeting held last night, Thursday, December 9, 2022, Village Manager Howard Brown submitted his letter of resignation to the Council effective immediately. The Council unanimously accepted his resignation and appointed Administrative Services Director Susan A. Owens as acting Village manager.

“We thank you for your service. A lot was accomplished,” said Mayor Susan Gibbs Thomas, who along with her colleagues, expressed their gratitude for his service. Fixing the roads and purchasing the water utility were hailed as major successes.

The Council will hold a special meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the next steps in procuring a new manager.

The young municipality’s first elected Council appointed Brown as Village manager on January 14, 2019, after a national search conducted by the Florida League of Cities.

Owens has served as acting manager in Brown’s absence throughout the years. Owens is the longest tenured employee in Indiantown, serving since April 2019, and brings experience from various levels in state and local government since 2001. Owens has a master’s degree in public administration.

Indiantown was incorporated on December 31, 2017, and is in Martin County, Florida.

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Indiantown is a rural community in Florida's Treasure Coast. First established in the early 1900s, then incorporated on December 31, 2017, it is Florida's youngest municipality with a diverse population of roughly 6,000 residents. While it may be small, its resident engagement is exemplary, and its potential for community building and new business opportunities is enormous. The Village mission seeks to enable economic prosperity and business while building pride and cohesion through hands-on self-governance. www.indiantownfl.gov.